GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF SURAT AND AHMEDABAD AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to develop Surat and Ahmedabad airport as an alternate airport to reduce the burden of air traffic at Mumbai Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be commenced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA)

(a), (b) & (c): Ahmedabad Airport is being upgraded and developed for operation of B-747 class of aircraft. Runway is being extended and strengthened from 9000` to 11500` alongwith apron strengthening and expansion. The work is likely to be completed by December, 2000.

Surat Airport belongs to the State Government of Gujarat. State Government is planning to make this airport operational for 50 seater aircraft.